



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 2, 2000

### **H.R. 1775** **Estuary Restoration Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 24, 2000*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1775 would establish the Estuary Restoration Council, consisting of representatives of multiple federal agencies, to develop a strategy for restoring estuary habitats and provide financial assistance to nonfederal entities for restoration projects. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$150 million over the 2002-2004 period to the Corps of Engineers for that purpose. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million over the same period to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to collect information to monitor the effectiveness of estuary restoration projects. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$117 million over the 2001-2005 period, and \$36 million after 2005.

H.R. 1775 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Any expenditures made by state and local governments to satisfy the matching requirements of grants authorized by this bill would be voluntary. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1775 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation would fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	0	51	51	51	0
Estimated Outlays	0	8	31	46	32

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would result in additional outlays of \$117 million over the 2001-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On March 27, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1775, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 16, 2000. The two versions of H.R. 1775 are similar; however, the version approved by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee would authorize the appropriation of \$172 million more than the version approved by the Resources Committee.

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